

'Daughters' To Hold Card Party Jan. 26

Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold its annual card party on Monday, Jan. 26, at the parish hall, Mrs. Robert Alfred, program chairman, told members at last Monday's meeting, held at the parish hall.

Mrs. Hansen Named 'Veep' Of Seaside

Mrs. Earl Hansen is the new vice-president and program chairman for Seaside Elementary School PTA.

The executive board approved her appointment at last week's Tuesday session, held at the Doris Way home of Mrs. Loren Edman.

Officers also approved the purchase of a glass apirary to be given as a perpetual prize each month to the class having the largest parent attendance at each meeting.

Director Tells Crenshaw PTA About Defense

Civil defense is as important in normal times as in the event of an attack by an enemy, Assistant Director of Civil Defense George Powell told members of Crenshaw Elementary PTA at last Thursday's meeting, held at the school.

"You and your family should survey the emergency equipment in your home," Powell said, "including first-aid materials and fire-fighting tools, so that any member of the family may find it quickly. This kind of information will be valuable to you in an emergency of any kind, from a household fire in your neighborhood to an auto accident in front of your home."

Powell also stressed that he is available to meet with local residents in their homes if they desire to take an active part in the civilian defense program. He pointed out that the Red Cross would conduct a first-aid class for PTA members if they so wished.

Following Powell's talk, a short business session was held, with Mrs. William Kildes being appointed chairman for the Mothers March on Polio.

Pastor Talks To WCTU Tomorrow

The Rev. F. A. Brunson, pastor of the Nazarene Church, will be guest speaker tomorrow when the Women's Christian Temperance Union holds an 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. meeting at the First Baptist Church.

All persons interested in the cause of temperance are invited to attend the meeting, according to Mrs. D. Boone Kirks, publicity chairman. Those attending should bring sack lunches, she said.

Other '53 plans of the WCTU include a speaking contest in which people of junior high ages from the various churches will participate.

Announcement of the project was made at the December meeting of the group, which featured the Rev. Northrup as guest speaker. He emphasized the teachings of Jesus and also stressed that drink will not mix with labor, industry, or travel.

VFW LADIES SLATE QUILTING BEE TODAY

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will meet at 9:30 o'clock this morning to complete the quilts they have been making for the Red Cross. Site of the "quilting bee" will be the home of Mrs. George Crabtree, 1753 Gramercy Ave.

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Just-Wed Joe C. Sneeds Make Home in San Diego

Now making their home in San Diego, where he is stationed on the USS Nereus, are Seaman Joe C. Sneeds and his bride, the former Miss Louise Clouse.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clouse of Waveria and the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Sneeds of Torrance exchanged rings and vows Saturday of last week at the Long Beach home of the Rev. S. D. Walters.

For the occasion, the bride chose a cream-colored silk corduroy suit with navy blue accessories. Her sister, Catherine Clouse, attended in a grey suit with red accessories, while her brother, James Clouse, served as best man.

Close friends and relatives of the couple gathered at the Wayside Chapel in Harbor City following the ceremony for a wedding reception.

Attending the affair were the parents of both bride and groom; Messrs. and Mesdames O. H. Hooper; W. O. Hoy and daughter, Dilla Mae; A. J. Larsen; Chester Hornes; Ken Key; G. B. Waldrip and children; Ken and Leon; Lange; Oscar Effenfeld; Matt Hozie and children, Ronny and Wayne; and Walter Smith.

Mesdames Dorothy Goldsmith, Onilla Sneeds, Doris Ray, Grosskopf and children, Onilla and LeRoy; Jack Hoy, A. A. Hoy; Wilkins and son, Franklin; Gladys Hammarford; Mattie McGuffin, The Rev. Sawyers, Louis McGuffin, and Bobby Joe Hinesley.

PRINCIPAL TO 'EMCEE' PTA SHOW

Robert Morton, principal of Torrance Elementary School, will be master of ceremonies at today's monthly PTA meeting, to begin at 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Each grade level will participate in the program by following the theme, "Families Go To School," or, "A Day at Torrance Elementary School." As each class displays a part of its daily work, attention also will be focused on the specialties such as art work done by students and various hobby groups.

Following the program, Mrs. Hartley Carr, president, will conduct a brief business session, calling for the election of a nominating committee.

During the social hour, fourth grade room mothers will serve refreshments at tables spotlighting Torrance Elementary School in replica.

"Home is the most important element in good normal child growth," said Mrs. Lillian Schloesser, director of girls' work with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, in speaking to 186th St. PTA members at last Thursday's 2 p.m. meeting, held at the school.

Mrs. Schloesser revealed that while there are over 10,000 children ranging in ages from babies to 18 years, under the supervision of the Probation Department, a large portion are in protective custody because of unfortunate family situations, rather than neglect or delinquency.

Truancy and the deliberate attempt to interest children in narcotics, plus the increase in crimes of violence by young children, are becoming big problems, the director said. Again she stressed that education and a good moral home background are our most effective combative forces. Children need a sense of responsibility, consideration, and promptness, she said.

Carrying on with her line of thought, Richard Brown, fourth grade teacher, spoke on "Promptness."

Other business at the meeting included plans for a tree-planting ceremony to commemorate Founders Day at the next general meeting, to be held Feb. 11.

Coffee, tea and cakes were served during a social hour by Mesdames Clifford Bennett, Jack Farmer, George Matthews, and W. A. Douglas.

Shower Fetes New Bride, Mrs. Philip Falkenstein

A Valentine theme highlighted home decor last Saturday evening when Mrs. Robert S. Cramer, 24240 Los Codona Ave., Waveria, honored Mrs. Philip Falkenstein with a post-wedding shower.

The former Miss Margaret Falkenstein became the bride of Falkenstein at Nov. 1 ceremonies performed at Yuma, Ariz. She and her husband, both of whom attended Torrance High School, now are making their home in Westmoreland and are finishing their senior year at Brawley High School.

Carrying out the Valentine theme, a large red heart decorated with white satin ribbon, geranium blossoms, and rosebuds centered the buffet table. In the center of the heart burned small red and white candles which turned the anglebra at the base. Tall white tapered flanked either side of the arrangement.

Each guest received as a favor a nutcup in the form of a parasol, and each piece of cake was individually decorated with a red heart inscribed "Phil and Margaret." Assisting Mrs. Cramer at the refreshment table were Misses Coleen Gordon of Waveria and Betty Jo Perry of Compton.

A treasure hunt idea was used to present Mrs. Falkenstein with gifts for her new home. Small red and white hearts

hung on a shower tree carried clues, written backwards, which told the honoree where to look for the presents.

Another feature of the evening festivities was the playing of traditional shower games, with prizes for high scores going to Misses Mary Jo Vaverka, Suzie Snyder, and Kaye Croshaw; and Mesdames Joseph Vaverka, Jack Tinkle Sr., mother of the bride; and Jack Tinkle Jr., sister-in-law of the bride.

Mrs. Paul Bowen of Waveria assisted the hostess with the games. Others attending the affair were Mesdames N. M. Gordon, Francis Jansson, William F. Burgen, Joseph Vaverka, all of Waveria; Shirley McHenry of Santa Monica; J. C. Estell of Los Angeles; and W. H. Montgomery, grandmother of the bride, of Waveria.

Misses Fern Lynch, Lois Phelps, son, and Vicki Hagan of Waveria; Aileen Smart, Judy Adams, and Shirley White of Torrance; and Linda Kay Estell of Los Angeles.

Torrance Folk Go on Stage Tomorrow Night As Players Open 'Glass Mountain'

Several Torrance residents will be on stage at the Redondo High School Auditorium tomorrow night as 8:30 o'clock curtain goes up on "The Glass Mountain," the first production to be presented by the Hampton Players in 1953.

The play also will be shown on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance, will play Aunt Cissie, a faded follies star of bygone days. The secretary of the Players, she has had experience in little theater work in both Detroit and locally. Some of her performances for the Players included Hester in "The Silver Cord," and Pamela Rhodes in "Guest in the House."

A Seaside Rancho woman, Thelma Ledwidge will play Charlotte Jeddiss Graham, an ambitious and domineering mother in this modern comedy of manners. Before becoming a member of the Players, she studied drama at Los Angeles City College and appeared with the Lynnwood and Huntington Park Players. She will be remembered for her performance as Miriam, the model in "Guest in the House."

Gene Eberle, also of Seaside Rancho, will create the role of Everett Jeddiss Graham, who finally escapes his mother's domineering influence when he marries a burlesque queen. Eberle, a playwright as well as a the-

plan, has been connected with motion picture studios. Spence, the rejected suitor, will be played by a newcomer to Hampton Players, Jim Reeves of Hollywood Riviera.

Three members of the Lafferty family also will appear in "The Glass Mountain." The maids, Margaret and Anna, will be played by Mrs. Kate Lafferty and her daughter, Jane. Grace Lafferty will be seen as Amelia Dowdie Pease, companion to Aunt Cissie.

Mary Woodson of Redondo Beach will play the leading role of Laura, while Gordon Goodrich of Palos Verdes will do the male lead, Doctor Hughes. The setting of the play is New England and many antiques from private homes used on stage. Tickets may be obtained at the door or by calling Frontier 5-3619.

R. Lewellens Announce Granddaughter's Birth

It's another granddaughter their third—for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewellen Sr., 1307 Madrid Ave.

The new girl, 7 lb., 2 1/2 oz. Janet Lynn, arrived at San Pedro Community Hospital last Saturday afternoon at 12:50 o'clock. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Watters (nee Janet Lewellen) of San Pedro. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Watters of San Pedro.

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PLAYS MOTHER... Thelma Ledwidge of Seaside Rancho will create the role of Charlotte Jeddiss Graham, an ambitious and domineering mother in "The Glass Mountain," to open tomorrow night at the Redondo Union High School auditorium. Curtain time is 8:30 o'clock.